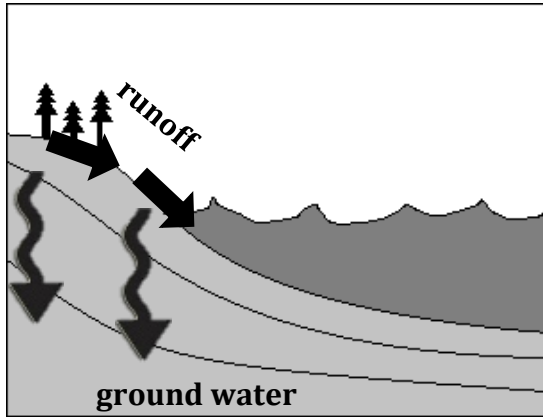


## Just-in-Time Instruction – Runoff and Groundwater



When rain falls to earth, gravity pulls it down hillsides and into soil.

Scientists use the term **runoff** to refer to water that flows over the top of the land. **Erosion** occurs when fast moving runoff picks up soil and moves it.

**Ground water** is water that soaks into soil and seeps gradually downward, in the spaces between soil particles.